

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A pigment composition for the pigmentation of plastics, comprising 60-85% by weight of one or more flake-form effect pigments, based on the pigment composition, and an at least partially polar carrier material, which is an at least partially polar ~~copolymer comonomer~~ which pigment composition is in the form of a free-flowing powder.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the melting range of the carrier material is between 70 and 200°C.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the copolymer is a copolymer or terpolymer with vinyl acetate, acrylate or acrylic acid comonomers, a polyvinyl alcohol copolymer, a polyvinyl ether copolymer, a polyvinylpyrrolidone copolymer, a polyethylene oxide copolymer, a acrylonitrile copolymer, a methyl methacrylate copolymer, a polyacetal copolymer, a polyamide copolymer and/or a polyurethane copolymer.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the copolymer is an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer or ethylene-acrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the flake-form effect pigment is a pearlescent pigment, metal-effect pigment, multilayered pigment having transparent, semi-transparent and/or opaque layers, holographic pigment, BiOCl pigment and/or LCP pigment.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein the pigment composition additionally comprises additives and/or auxiliaries.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a pigment composition according to Claim 1, comprising mixing one or more flake-form effect pigments with an at least partially polar carrier material with inflow of heat.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 11, wherein one or more flake-form effect pigments is mixed with the ~~[[an]]~~ at least partially polar carrier material which carrier is in solution or has been melted.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 11, wherein the mixing of the one or more flake-form effect pigments and the at least partially polar carrier material is carried out at temperatures in the range from 70 to 240°C.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 11, wherein additives are additionally added to the mixture of flake-form effect pigment and carrier material.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) In a process for the pigmentation of plastics or for the production of masterbatches, comprising combining a pigment and polymer, the improvement wherein the pigment is one of Claim 1.

Claim 17 (Canceled)